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USDEL MBFR PLEASE HOLD FOR AMBASSADOR BARNES' ARRIVAL

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MBFR LINKAGE
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1. SUMMARY. EMBOFFS JANUARY 14 CALLED ON MFA
DISARMAMENT SPECIALISTS COROIANU AND ROSIANU TO DISCUSS
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GOR VIEW OF RECENT WARSAW PACT NUCLEAR NON-FIRST USE
(NNFU) PROPOSAL AND POSSIBLE LINKAGE TO MBFR.
NEITHER SHOWED MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR PROPOSAL NOR
HAD THEY HEARD OF ANY ATTEMPTED LINKAGE TO MBFR.
COROIANU GAVE STANDARD RUN-DOWN ON GOR'S APPROACH
TO MBFR. END SUMMARY.

2. COROIANU FIRST EMPHATICALLY REMARKED THAT NNFU PROPOSAL HAD BEEN STRICTLY A SOVIET ONE WHICH GOR HAD ENDORSED PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF ITS PREVIOUS SUPPORT OF SIMILAR AND MORE GENERAL RESOLUTIONS AT UN. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN INCONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED GOR POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, COROIANU ADMITTED THAT UPON READING DRAFT HE PERSONALLY HAD FELT IT WAS A NON-STARTER AND HAD ANTICIPATED NATO REJECTION.

3. NEITHER COROIANU NOR ROSIANU HAD HEARD OF ANY ATTEMPTED LINKAGE OF NNFU PROPOSAL WITH MBFR NEGOTIATIONS (REF A) AND BOTH SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED AT IDEA. COROIANU SAID SOVIETS HAD NOT ADVANCED ANY SUCH LINKAGE WHEN PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED AT WARSAW PACT GATHERING. HOWEVER, UPON REFLECTION, HE COULD IMAGINE THAT THEY MIGHT ATTEMPT TO USE NNFU AS BARGAINING TOOL IN MBFR TALKS, BUT HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT HE KNEW OF NO FORMAL LINKAGE. EMBOFFS MADE POINT THAT LINKAGE WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE SINCE ATMOSPHERE FOR CONCRETE PROGRESS IN MBFR AND OTHER DISARMAMENT FORUMS APPEARS MORE HOPEFUL THIS YEAR THAN IN RECENT PAST.

4. ASKED IF GOR MIGHT PUT FORTH ANY NEW PROPOSALS AT NEXT MBFR SESSION, COROIANU SAID ROMANIANS AGREED THAT SOME PROGRESS MIGHT NOW BE POSSIBLE, GIVEN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S APPARENT POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORESAW NO NEW GOR PROPOSALS AND DEPRECATED EXISTING VIENNA STALEMATE. HE SAID GOR STOOD BY PROPOSALS MADE IN DECEMBER 1975 AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS PARTICULARLY FOR GREATER EQUAL PERCENTAGE CUTS (SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THAT GOR COULD NOT SUPPORT NATO'S ASYMMETRICAL APPROACH) AND EXTENSION OF TALKS BEYOND CENTRAL EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK. HE STRONGLY CRITICIZED "UNDEMOCRATIC" WORKING METHODS, BUT WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF U.S.-ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS ON MBFR.

5. COMMENT: COROIANU'S PRESENTATION OFFERED NO EVIDENCE THAT ROMANIAN ATTITUDE ON MBFR HAS UNDERGONE ANY CHANGE, AS WAS HINTED BY SOVIET EMBOFF HERE (REF B). IT WAS STANDARD FARE AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE AGGRESSIVE THAN USUAL ON CRITICISM OF VIENNA "INFORMALS." WE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT COROIANU CHOSE TO EMPHASIZE THAT GOR COULD NOT SUPPORT THE ALLIED ASYMMETRICAL APPROACH, PARTICULARLY WHEN HE HAD RECENTLY TAKEN A MORE SUBTLE

LINE ON THAT SUBJECT (AMBASSADOR'S MEMCON OF
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